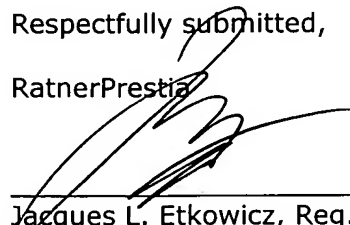


Remarks/Arguments:

Applicants are amending claim 14 to be consistent with the interview between applicants' representative, Lowell L. Carson, and the Examiner on January 20, 2006. This amendment is also supported by the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. No new matter is added. Applicants respectfully request therefore that the amendment be entered.

Respectfully submitted,

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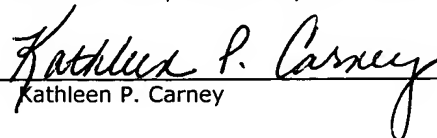
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